

REMARKS

The foregoing Preliminary Amendment is requested in order to delete the multiple dependent claims and avoid paying the multiple dependent claims fee.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE."

Early action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE CLAIMS

4. (amended) .An access member according to claim 1 ~~any of claims 1 to 3~~, characterized in that at least one part of the wall or walls of the access member comprises a net material of eg. metal.

5. (amended) An access member according to claim 1 ~~any of claims 1 to 4~~, characterized by comprising one wall forming a substantially hose-shaped access member.

6. (amended) An access member according to claim 1 ~~any of claims 1 to 4~~, characterized by comprising at least two walls which are formed by sheets of material having substantially larger dimensions in the longitudinal direction than in the transverse direction and being joined at the respective longitudinally extending edges.

8. (amended) An access member according to claim 6 ~~to 7~~, characterized in that said sheets have different thicknesses.

9. (amended) An access member according to claim 6 ~~any of claims 6 to 8~~, characterized in that said sheets have different degrees of flexibility.

10. (amended) An access member according to claim 6 ~~any of claims 6 to 9~~, characterized in that at least one blind hold is provided in at least one of said sheets.

11. (amended) An access member according to claim 6 ~~any of claims 6 to 9~~, in which there are at least three sheets and two cavities, characterized in that one of said cavities is closed at a distance from the outer end of the access member.

12. (amended) An access member according to claim 1 ~~any of the preceding claims~~, characterized in that the inner end of the access member is designed as a cap having a number of openings.

13. (amended) An access member according to claim 1 ~~any of the preceding claims~~, characterized by comprising means for securing the outer end of the access member to the abdominal skin surface.

16. (amended) An access member according to claim 1 ~~any of the preceding claims~~, characterized in that a plug member is provided for insertion into the outer end of said at least one through-going cavity.

17. (amended) A system for catheterization of the urinary bladder through an artificial or a natural canal in a user, comprising a catheter adapted to be inserted through the canal, and an access member according to claim 1 ~~any of claims 1 to 16~~.